

**Master's degree programme „European studies” curriculum
2013/2014**

1. sem.	ECTS	2. sem.	ECTS	3. sem. <i>WITH SPECIALIZATION*</i>	ECTS	4. sem.	ECTS
European Economies and Integration Development	6	European Economic Integration	6	Demography as a Global Challenge *	6	Master Thesis	30
European Union: Government and Institutions	3	EU Funds and Project Management	3	Management of EU programmes for External Cooperation *	3		
French I – Language and Diplomacy	3	EU Socioeconomic Current Trends	6	EU Public Diplomacy *	3		
Practical Research Methodology Seminar I	3	Practical Research Methodology Seminar II	3	Practical Research Methodology Seminar III	3		
European Law I - Treaties and Institutions	3	Regional and Social Policy in the European Countries	6	Law 1 – EU Legal Aspects for External Relations with Third Countries *	3		
European Law I - Current Aspects of the Development of EU Law	3	The Common Agriculture Policy of the EU	3	Law - 2 Human Rights and Democratic values *	3		
International and EU Finance	3	French II - Legal French	3	EU Socio-economic Aspects for External Relations with Third Countries *	3		
Quantitative Methods in Decision Making	3			EU Energy Policy in Relations with Third Countries *	3		
Public Communications in the EU	3			Practical Research Methodology Seminar IV	3		
TOTAL ECTS:	30		30		30		30

* As of 2014 the Programme offers courses` specialization in in two sub-programmes during the 3rd semester according to student`s individual choice:

- 1) EU relations with Eastern Europe and Russia
- 2) EU relations with Triple A (Latin and Northern America, Africa, Asia)

Sub-programme with specialization on EU relations with Eastern Europe and Russia aims to provide in-depth knowledge about European Union as a global player in international relations as well as to develop students' skills needed for cooperation and management of negotiations with the EU's Eastern Partnership countries (Ukraine, Georgia, Belarus, Azerbaijan, Armenia and Moldova). EU Eastern Partnership is one of the main priorities of Latvian Presidency of the EU Council in the first half of 2015. Both the EU institutions and the public and private institutions of EU member states as well as EU partner countries currently needs and will need highly skilled professionals and experts with a strong knowledge about the role of the EU and the impact of socio-economic and legal processes with the EU Eastern Partnership countries and Russia.

Sub-programme with specialization on EU relations with Triple A (Latin and Northern America, Africa, Asia) aims to provide in-depth knowledge about European Union as a global player in international relations with a strong focus such EU external relations` aspects as the external trade development, legal, economic and political cooperation with the countries of Asia, Africa, North America and Latin America regions. Particular attention in this sub-programme is devoted to the EU's external cooperation with regional blocks in the mentioned geographical area as well as with the BRICS countries (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa). The sub-programme strongly focuses also on the analysis of the EU-Asia, EU-Canada and EU-US comprehensive economic and trade agreements.